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The Navy commands the support, the affection, the admiration and hope of our people. Its traditions and records are brilliant with achievement. The spirit of our dead from the various beaches and oceans of the world speaks in thousands of voices of the noblest instincts of mankind. We believe in its greatness, its importance, its dignity, its stability and its essential strength. We must be honest, gallant, loyal, patriotic and worthy sons and daughters in the glorious service of the Navy of the United States.

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TIME FOR POSITIVE THOUGHTS

During the long months of war as hope flickered with ill-winds, we were stimulated into greater sacrifices, the summoning of reserve energy, and clearer thinking. Our own complaints were tempered by the fact that so many young Americans did not even know the joy of native soil underfoot and a peaceful sky overhead.

Well, we made it! In August the light came. The tension broke.

With the cessation of hostilities we reached out for an immediate ticket to civilian life. We forgot that concentration must be on repatriating the overseas men—many of whom have been prisoners-of-war—and that these weary and ill men must be nursed back to health in stateside hospitals—our hospital.

We would hush our lamentings and question the paramount importance of our own release if we'd remember that many of our Navy and Marine patients were "under fire" while we enjoyed the comforts of our homeland, and that others who carried the burden of the war are still not on "terra firma."

Why count and recount points? Why sweat it out? It is a sign of maturity to accept the service a little longer, maintaining the same standards which earned our victory.

We may have known the ebb of the tide, but with a little vision we can now see the flood rolling in. We are embarking on an era of peace, and the peril has passed! The only danger lies in the maladjustment of the individuals who can't use this period until demobilization. Why not devote time to reading—map out your college courses—make some business contacts—do your Christmas shopping—enjoy the clime of California and play golf through the fall and winter months? Just don't throw yourself into an abyss of agony. Now is the time for positive planning. This transitional period can end with a Navy job well-done, and carefully laid plans for tomorrow.

Work Rights Of Veterans Liberalized

By Ship's Editorial Association

Veterans' reemployment rights have been liberalized and strengthened under the Selective Service System.

Reiterating the original interpretation, Selective Service officials have announced that regardless of union membership a veteran is eligible for reinstatement to his old job or one of like seniority and pay with protection against arbitrary layoff for one year. His lack of union seniority does not affect the veteran's right to his job because the law is concerned only with employer and employee and does not recognize claims of any "third party," Selective Service has ruled. To insure his reemployment the veteran's old job must have been a permanent one, relinquished when he entered service. Teh veteran must be qualified to hold the job and make application within 90 days after discharge. These rules are modified if the employer's circumstances have changed so reinstatement of a veteran in his old position or to one of like seniority, status and pay is impossible or unreasonable.

Job Prospects Good In 28 Occupations

New York (CNS)—Twenty-eight occupations in which postwar employment prospects are considered good have been listed by Occupational Index, Inc., a research organization at New York University.

They are: accountant, air conditioning engineer, architect, automobile salesman, bookkeeping, book illustration, building contractor, bus and truck driver, children's librarian, electronics, gasoline filling station, guidance and personnel, landscape architect, medicine, medical laboratory technologist, occupational therapy, physical therapy, plasterer, plastics, public health nursing, radio service, real estate, rural teacher, taxi driver, teaching, television, veterinarian, vocational rehabilitation.

Navy Enlistments

(SEA).—The Navy averaged 550 volunteer enlistments a day during August. Total for the month was 16,500, including 6,131 USN and 10,369 USNR. Between 15 August and 12 September 12,914 enlisted in the Navy, including 6,871 voluntary USN enlistments.

CHAPLAINS' COLUMN

Vincent J. Hope, Lt. (CHC) USNR.....Catholic Chaplain
Wendell Wheeler, Lt. Comdr. (CHC) USNR
Howard M. Felton, Lt. (CHC) USNR
John Whitesel, Lt. jg (CHC), USNR
.....Protestant Chaplains

Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Lt. (CHC) USNR.....Jewish Chaplain

The Catholic Mass at 0845 and the Protestant Services at 1000, both in the auditorium of this hospital on every Sunday, will be transmitted via the radio-channel system to the bed-patients.

CATHOLIC

Masses are celebrated twice each Sunday in the Auditorium at 0645 and 0845. On week days Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Chaplain's Office at 0645. Chaplain Vincent J. Hope is the celebrant. Confessions are heard on Sundays before Mass and during the week at any time.

PROTESTANT

Protestant Services are held each Sunday in the Auditorium at 1000. One of the chaplains conducts the service and preaches the sermon. Special music of an inspiring nature is provided each Sunday.

JEWISH

Jewish Services are held each Friday afternoon at 1500 in the class room opposite Ward W-1. The Chaplain will also be at the hospital on Thursday and Friday for personal counseling.

Everyone at the Hospital is cordially invited to attend the service of his choice and to find the inspiration that worship brings.

Our Souls Must Catch Up

A missionary party was being transported from the coast to the interior regions of dark Africa. Natives were employed to bear the burdens for the party. For three days the party trudged inland, resting in camp at night, and walking long hours during the day. On the morning of the fourth day, when the party presumably should have been ready to continue their journey, the missionary was surprised to find the natives sitting quietly in a circle. Inquiring the reason for this peculiar behavior, the interpreter replied: "They are waiting to give their souls time to catch up with them."

Humanity has made marvelous strides forward, scientifically. Everyone knows that "the common man" lives more comfortably today than royalty lived 200 years ago. With the coming of the atom bomb, new avenues of advancement have opened; so much so, that this might be termed the beginning of the Atomic Era in history. Our intellectual development has outdistanced our spiritual development. As a result, scientists, statesmen, and Christian leaders are merging their voices in warning that unless something happens, humanity is headed for self-destruction. What then is the crying need of our day?

Simply this: Let's take sufficient time to permit our souls to catch up with us! We have arrived at that point in history when to do otherwise is stupid . . . if we want mankind to be perpetuated. We cannot afford to sit complacently and regard these warnings with a shrug of the shoulders, as though they matter not to us. They are of sufficient gravity to demand positive action on the part of every one who regards himself as an intelligent contributor to community life. America and the world MUST take the time necessary to develop spiritually, if humanity is to continue. A cartoon in a widely circulated magazine of recent date carried this caption: "The Atomic Bomb—The end of the war or the end of mankind." Our technical skills, if directed by spiritual minds, can make for happiness and peace; otherwise, they can destroy us. That is the challenge of our day. Some of our comrades have died to provide us this opportunity. We MUST not fail!

Farms to Curtail Their Crops This Year

Washington (CNS) GIs planning to go back to the farm should consider Secretary of Agriculture Anderson's warning that agricultural production should be kept down in 1946, because the end of the war has reduced need for crops. Military requirements have been sharply curtailed and foreign and domestic requirements cut, he said. Production should be governed by demand, not the nation's farms' capacity to produce.

U.S.S.R. to Rebuild War Damage in 5 Years

Russia (CNS)—The U.S.S.R. will spend billions of rubles in a gigantic effort to rebuild her war-devastated areas in 5 years, the Moscow Radio has announced. This undertaking would normally take 25 years, the broadcast stated, but under the present program, Russia will have rebuilt by 1950 "the entire ruined economic structure of the nation up to the pre-war level."

Navy Discharge Score Lowered Three Points; Further Reductions in December and January

The Navy discharge points were lowered three points on November 1 for the greater part of its personnel; further reductions are scheduled for December and January.

Effective November 1 a new critical score of 53 points was established for male officers classified Medical Corps, their former point score being placed at 60. On the same date, male officers (other than doctors) required 46 points for discharge; male enlisted men, 41; Wave officers, 32; and Wave enlisted personnel, 26.

There will be a further reduction of two points on December 1 and a reduction of one point on January 1, applicable to the preceding classifications except doctors, who are excluded from the December reductions, but will be cut to 51 points on January 1.

The score for unmarried nurses remains at 35 until January 1 at which time it will be cut to 33. All married nurses are being demobilized.

The reductions do not apply to personnel who are frozen in their assignments. Specialists, classification personnel, and mailmen become eligible for release on November 1 under scores of 44 points for enlisted personnel and 29 for female enlisted personnel. They previously were ineligible for discharge under the point system.

Effective immediately the maximum period of retention for military necessity is changed from 120 days to 90 days, the 90-day limitation applying both to persons who were heretofore eligible for separation and were retained for military necessity and to personnel hereafter becoming eligible.

Provisions for retention of essential officers in excess of 90 days specified in cases of extreme military necessity, remain in effect.

Promotions for Large Number Naval Officers

Warrant officers, ensigns and lieutenants (junior grade) who have served in present rank for 18 months; lieutenants with 24 months in rank; and lieutenant-commanders who have completed 24 months in rank and who are recommended by selection boards will be eligible for promotion according to AlNav 346 promulgated the middle of Oct. The Bureau of Personnel will continue to handle promotions for individuals bearing the rank of commander or above. The foregoing promotions may occur while the officer is on active duty, other than terminal leave or inactive duty.

Active Duty

Prior to release to terminal leave, the commanding officers of all naval activities including the commanding officers at separation centers must insure that officers are tendered all promotions due them under existing promotion authorities. An officer eligible for appointment to higher rank (lieutenant-commander or above, or lieutenant, senior grade, with over 17 years of service) which will render him ineligible for mustering out pay may either be promoted or receive mustering out pay.

Terminal Leave

When an officer on terminal leave status who has not previously refused to accept the promotion, presents himself and requests promotion, the commanding officer of any naval activity will honor such a request subject to the following instructions: Officer must meet eligibility requirement of a promotion as AlNav or letter, shall prove identity, eligibility, and promotion and show terminal leave status, also have his officer qualification jacket (lack of positive recommendation in qualification jacket shall not prevent promotion, for an officer's signed statement regarding service in rank shall be accepted as proof.)

Inactive Duty

Any officer of the rank of lieutenant-commander or below in inactive duty status who has not previously refused the promotion and who determines that he had completed the prescribed continuous active duty time in rank will be fully entitled to bear the officer title of the higher rank and to wear the uniform upon appropriate occasions provided he went on inactive duty after 8 May 1945, VE Day .

A reserve officer on terminal leave or in inactive duty status may advise BuPers promotion section, of his home address, whereupon when and if he becomes eligible for promotion BuPers will take any action required to increase rank.

DOUBLE WEDDING FOR STAFF MEMBERS; RECEPTION HELD AT WAVES QUARTERS

St. Matthews Church was the setting for a double ceremony on 20 October, as four hospital staff members, Elizabeth Ruth Ball, PhM3c, and Thomas J. Haney, PhM3c, Lottie Lang HA1c, and John H. Snodgrass, HA1c, exchanged vows before Lt. Vincent J. Hope, USNR, Catholic Chaplain of the U. S. Naval Hospital.

At 1500 in mid-afternoon, the two Waves, formally gowned in white marched to the altar to the wedding aria played by Gerry Bowen Mus2c, patient on N-10. Capt. C. M. Sharr, USN, Medical Officer in Command of the Naval Hospital, gave Miss Ball away, and George Lang of Santa Monica, father of Miss Lang, offered the second bride. Thelma Jokumsen, PhM3c, friend of the brides, sang "O Perfect Love," by Barnby.

Cutting wedding cakes during reception held at Waves Quarters. The Skipper, Capt. Shaar (center), extends the best wishes of the Staff to the popular couples.

Chaplain Hope read the double ring ceremony which was the culmination to the romances beginning at the hospital for these two young couples.

The attendants for the Ball-Haney union were all from the staff of the hospital, with Mary Haraty, PhM3c, as maid of honor, and Frances Jewell, PhM3c, and Georgia Coffey, PhM3c, as bridesmaids. Best man to Mr. Haney was Sammy Hardin, PhM3c, while Sam Apple, PhM3c, and Gene Verbano, PhM3c, ushered. A sister of Miss Lang's, Mrs. C. H. LaRosse of Santa Monica, was matron of honor and a second sister, Eugenia Lang, along with Ruby Warren, were bridesmaids in the second bridal party. Mr. Snodgrass chose Al Kromrei, PhM1c, as best man, with Harold Knickerbocker, PhM3c, and R. E. McCall, HA2c, ushers.

The brides wore identical slipper satin gowns with finger tip veils made of seeded pearl crowns, lace and net. The bridal bouquets were of gardenias and bouvardia. The maid and matron of honor, and bridesmaids were attired in pastel colored formals.

Immediately following the wedding, the hospital honored the young couples with a reception given in the recreation hall of the Waves Quarters. Capt. Shaar expressed the best wishes of the guests to the foursome.

Two wedding cakes topped with miniature bride and groom figures adorned the center of the refreshment table. Lt. J. L. Mullen, USNR, Commissary Officer, was in charge of refreshments. Lt. (jg) G. Kingsley, USNR, Waves Representative supervised the reception. Miss Anna Mahony of the Red Cross was in charge of flower arrangements.

Hometowns of these people are: Miss Ball, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Thomas Haney, New Orleans, La.; Miss Lang, Santa Monica, and John Snodgrass, Hollywood.

The two Waves and two corpsmen are well-liked on the compound and rightfully rate the good wishes of the staff of the hospital.

A LOMBARDO SALUTE!

What songs the fellows at the LBNH are humming, whistling and liking best counts with Guy Lombardo and his orchestra!

Our hospital will rate a salute on his "Musical Autographs" program on Tuesday, November 6 at 9 p.m. ET, over the American Broadcasting Company. The five "top tunes" which are choices of the patients will be featured.

Barracks Accommodates Increase in Waves' Ranks

The building which grew out of beams, shafts, cement and a design conceived in beauty and utility has been completed right before our eyes, in the form of a second Waves' Quarters on the compound.

This white cement, simply-constructed building stands to the left of the old Waves' Quarters, and has its entrance facing the south. The plate glass doors and panels adjoining give a modern and inviting note to the front side.

This additional housing facility was built to accommodate approximately 200 Waves. There are four dormitories, two on first deck and two on second, which are divided into roomy cubicles enclosing two double bunks and lockers. Adjacent to each individual barracks is a solarium. Corridors run to the centrally located lounges furnished in maple wood and green and deep rose colored upholstery.

Waves who have been attached to this station for some time were given priority for living in the quarters, the move being optional. About fifty girls transferred, and in the following weeks Waves arrived from corps school at Great Lakes and occupied most of the remaining space.

The Waves' group had outgrown the old barracks (housing 170) by the increased number in their ranks, and the new accommodations adequately care for the expansion.

Veterans Needed in Public Health Service

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS)—Immediate openings for approximately 250 veterans of the Hospital Corps of the Navy and Army were announced by officials of the U. S. Public Health Service this week. The positions are listed as temporary and will last from six months to a year and will entail work at Army separation centers interviewing men whose records show a history of venereal disease. Details on this new program may be obtained directly from the district Public Health Service office or from the Public Health Service liaison officer within the service command.

Educational Services Concerned With Naval Personnel's Future

The Educational Services Department, now settled in its new quarters in the Rehabilitation Center west of N-14, offers its resources to staff and patients alike. The primary mission of Educational Services is to help naval personnel (including Marines and Coast Guard) to make sound preparation for the future—whether it be to increase their usefulness and qualifications for advancement in the service, or to prepare for civilian education and employment.

Though supervised by the Bureau of Personnel and administered by line officers, Educational Services has been made an integral part of the Rehabilitation Program of the Bureau of Medicine. A recent directive requires that all men being discharged by medical survey shall consult with an Educational Services officer in order to gather together all information concerning physical and mental capacities, educational background and plans, service training, job fields and opportunities. Each dischargee will have a complete record of this information, which will help him in applying for a job or for apprenticeship training, or in planning further education with school and college advisors.

Not only medical dischargees but also many facing discharge through regular demobilization are thinking seriously about their future in civil life. This fact is reflected in increased activity at the Educational Services office. More men are studying informational materials on different fields of work; more men are registering for high school and college courses; more men are bringing the school credits awarded for military training up to date; more men are learning how the "G. I. Bill of Rights" will help them carry out their particular plans for academic education, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training. Over 150 convalescent patients have permission from their doctors to go to school off the compound, while many corpsmen and Waves are using some of their liberty time to attend evening classes. Owing to the cooperation of the Long Beach School System, it will soon be possible for patients to complete high school courses under an accredited teacher without leaving the compound.

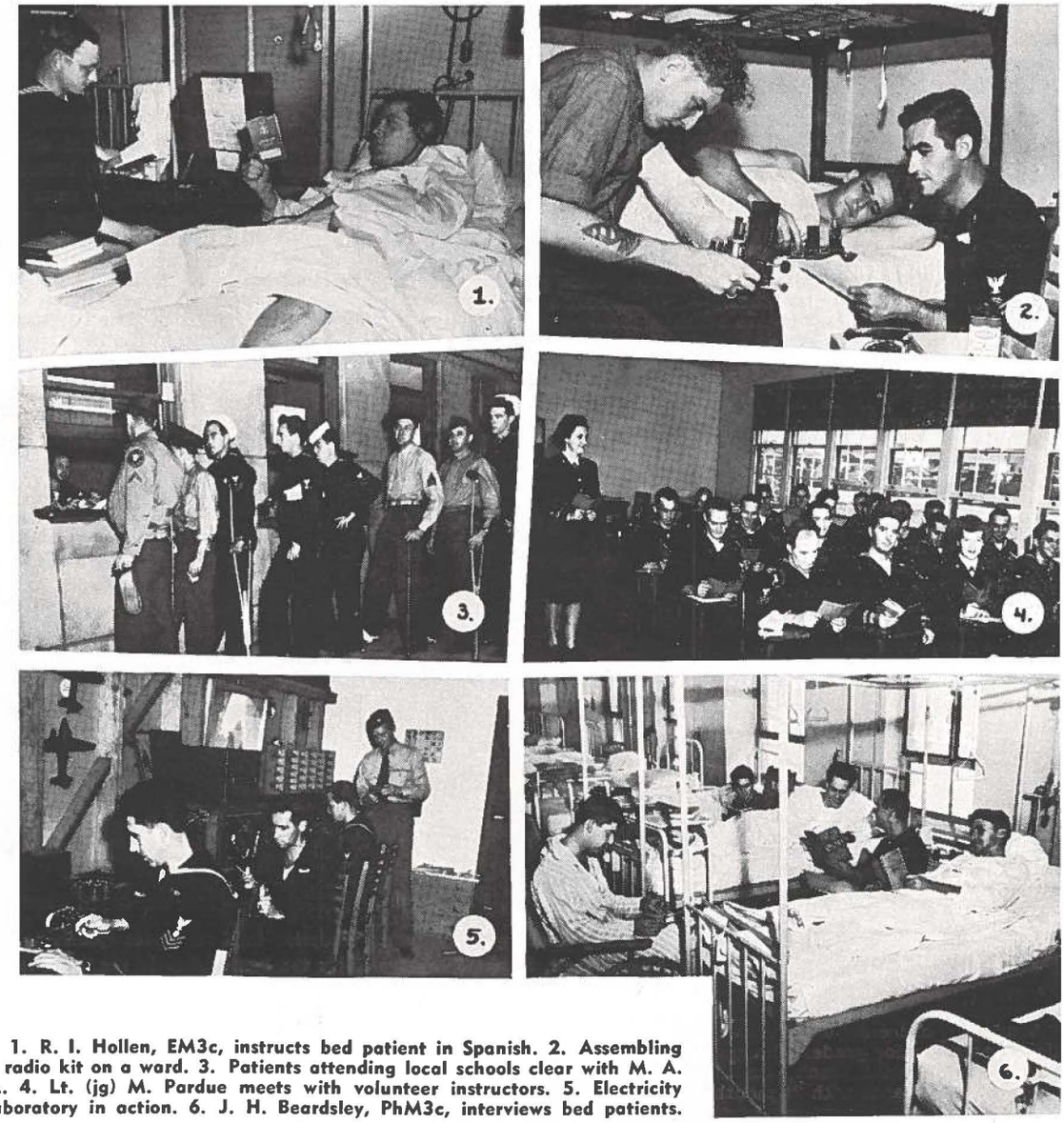
Many staff members—from senior Medical Officers to lowly HA2c's—have taken advantage of Educational Services. Most popular with these are college-level correspondence courses in German, French, mathematics, and English, offered by many leading universities through the Armed Forces Institute. Though laboratory sciences cannot be learned by correspondence, it is possible to take many of the other subjects required in the premedical and predental curriculum.

During an average two-month period, over 2500 people—staff and patients, officers and enlisted, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard—sit down with one of the Educational Services interviewers to discuss their educational and vocational problems. Since the establishment of the department 18 months ago, more than 12,000 such interviews have taken place. Over 5000 textbooks have been issued—on subjects running the gamut from Calculus to "The Three R's", and from Appreciation of Art to How to Run a Shoe Repair Shop.

One of the most colorful phases of the program is the work experience. Bed patients put together small radio receivers, wire model electrical hookups, and draft house plans with compact kits of materials. For ambulatory patients, a laboratory established in a Quonset hut affords further training in radio and electricity under expert instructors, themselves patients.

The testing service operated by the department is taking on added importance as high schools all over the country, including Los Angeles and Long Beach, come to recognize the General Educational Development tests of the Armed Forces Institute as grounds for awarding diplomas. These tests, as well as other accreditation tests, classification and aptitude tests, and end-of-course examinations for those completing USAFI courses, are given every day at 1400.

It is anticipated that interest in facilities available through Educational Services will increase steadily as naval personnel make concentrated plans for their post war futures. The resources of the Educational Services Office are open to staff and patients from 0830 to 1630 daily except Sunday, in the Rehabilitation Center. Bed patients may refer their vocational and educational problems through the patient acting as Educational Services representative for their ward or by calling Ext. 171.



1. R. I. Hollen, EM3c, instructs bed patient in Spanish. 2. Assembling a radio kit on a ward. 3. Patients attending local schools clear with M. A. A. 4. Lt. (jg) M. Pardue meets with volunteer instructors. 5. Electricity laboratory in action. 6. J. H. Beardsley, PhM3c, interviews bed patients.

NAVY HAS CRITICAL SURPLUS ARTICLES FOR PUBLIC SALE

(SEA)—By speeding up its release of surplus articles needed for reconversion, the Navy has made available for immediate public sale more than $100,000,000 worth of critical items. The surplus properties will be sold by these civilian governmental agencies:

Consumers' goods, Department of Commerce; producers' and capital goods, Reconstruction Finance Corporation; maritime property, U. S. Maritime Commission; food, Department of Agriculture.

Items declared surplus by the Navy include 200,000 pairs of gym shoes, 480,000 pairs of rubber boots, 500,000 pairs of arctics, 1,300,000 pairs of heavy underwear, 6,000,000 pairs of dungaree trousers, 9,000,000 chambray shirts, 1,300 gasoline engines, 1,739 tractors, 2,500 generators, 2,525 wheelbarrows and 13,000 garbage cans.

Graduate Nurses Wanted

The United States Civil Service Commission hereby gives notice that the examination for the positions named below to fill vacancies in Government hospitals has been reopened to the general public. Applications will be accepted until further notice by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Examinations will be given as the needs of the service demand.

Salaries based on 40-hour workweeks (additional pay for overtime) are listed as follows for the respective vacancies.

For the Veterans Administration, $2,320 a year; for the Panama Canal Service.... $2,377 a year; for other Federal agencies—$2,100 a year.

The following changes in Examination Announcement 269 should be noted:

1. Salaries and Workweek—The entrance salaries for these positions are stated above. The standard Federal workweek is now 40 hours instead of 48. For time worked over 40 hours employees are paid on an hourly basis at 1½ times the regular hourly rates.

2. Release by Last Employer Not Required—It is no longer necessary for an applicant to present a release from his last employer in order to be appointed in the Federal service.

"Curly" at work in the Carpenter Shop.

Soup Bowls to Nut Picks—"Curly" Can Build 'Em!

"Why do we call you 'Curly'?" we inquired of the lanky, jovial, not exceptionally curly-topped civilian in charge of the carpenter shop. "Well, my name is D. W. Des Voigne, and you don't pronounce the 's,' do capitalize the 'V,' the 'gne' is silent, there's no 'y' in the surname and—" "Okay—okay—**Curly!**"

Curly was initiated into his work for the U. S. Naval Hospital the same day that the institution became commissioned, 15 December, 1942. His slogan has always been, "When in doubt, come to the Carpenter Shop," and that's quite adequately stated considering the assortment of assignments which has confronted his place of business, adjacent to Transportation. Coming under the category of "carpentry" has been an order for boehler splints to be used for fractures (this particular splint could not be expedited by the manufacturer in time to serve, so Curly came through.) In his first months here he functioned as locksmith, and played the role of "drapery hanger" as he hammered at the window casings in the Waves' quarters. It was Curly who constructed the initial reading device which clamps onto the head of a bunk, holds the book overhead and enables the bed patient with the broken neck or back to enjoy the pastime of reading. Then he sharpened knives for the galley. And there was the time he was ordered over to the operating room to saw off a steel pin which was unnecessarily protruding from the setting of bones in a surgical case. (His crude hack saw was sterilized so thoroughly that the plastic handle was impaired, but that was minor since it had served a purpose.) For the Waves' Third Anniversary dance it was Curly and his crew who hung the fish netting which draped the overhead of the auditorium. And a job which almost seemed incongruous for the same tools which built lockers, desks, and partitions around the hospital, was that of a special table to be used in the bathing of babies at the nursery of the dependents' hospital.

Back in Warsaw, Indiana, at the age of 10, Curly tagged along with his dad, an "old framer," and helped him cut down trees, hew them by mighty blows until they were lined into square timbers. And Curly was in on the "mortise and tenon" frameworks which his father subsequently constructed. So the Des Voignes erected many a house, until the day the apprentice Curly came into his own. His best single building project, he feels, is a flour mill in Colorado, into which he even installed the machinery.

In 1937 Curly began his migration to California, and was in Flagstaff, Arizona, when the spark that set off the war was announced. It sort of mapped out Curly's work in California, because he got into "home front service," first at the shipyards, and then in the Naval Hospital. He has seen this carpenter shop grow from one man to a crew of twelve, from hand tools to power machinery, from strange requests to even stranger ones.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ENFORCED ON GROUNDS

The Security Office has announced that a campaign is in progress to enforce the traffic regulations on the hospital grounds. Considerable speeding and illegal parking throughout the compound have been noticed.

Citations are being issued to violators, requesting that they appear before the provost marshal. Warnings are given for first offenses. Upon presentation of a second violation of parking rules, the offenders are ordered to turn over their stickers to the security office; their cars are then prohibited from the compound. Violators of the speed limit will be turned over to the executive officer for disciplinary action.

Staff officers are issued white stickers and parking reservations (if available) upon application. Corpsmen, who are issued blue stickers, are requested to park their cars by the swiming pool or the N-Ward parking lot. Civilian employees are permitted to park in the same areas upon receipt of yellow stickers. Patients are not permitted to park their cars on the compound.

Parking spaces have been provided for nurses and Waves by their barracks, and are to be used by them only.

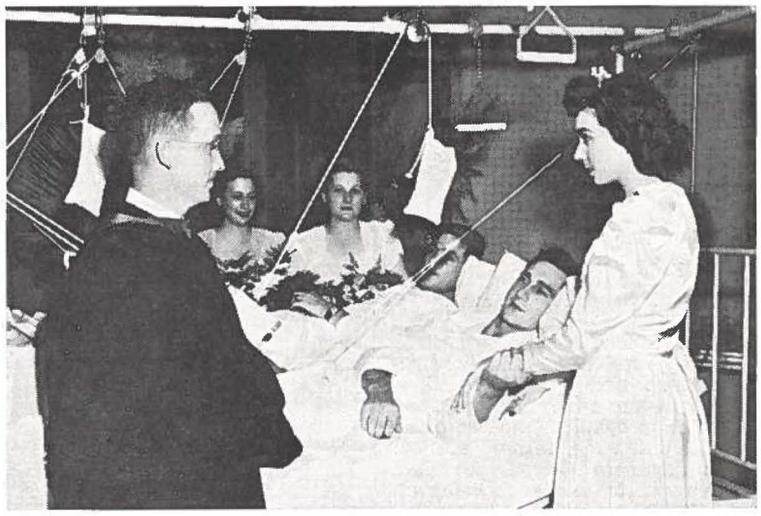
Business callers, visitors and treatment patients are allowed space in front of the hospital, the area being reserved for such persons. Visitors to the dependents' hospital are requested to park by the west wall of Bellflower Blvd.

White lines have been painted by the transportation building and laundry, reserving parking spaces for Navy vehicles only. Speed signs are being posted throughout the compound.

Directing the campaign is the provost marshal, Pharm. C. S. Sherman, who is ably assisted by Edward Oleksiak, PhM3c. After 1600 each day the duty of enforcing the traffic regulations is turned over to civilian guards, who maintain a patrol throughout the night, and report all violations.

Staff members are requested to observe all parking and speed limit regulations upon entering the hospital grounds, and are ordered not to exceed the speed limit of 15 miles per hour.

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.—Thomas A. Kempis.



Bed-patient T/Sgt. Leonard Lance and Miss Kathleen Donnelly are united in marriage by Chaplain Wendell Wheeler.

Hospital Ward Setting For Patient's Wedding

The Navy Hospital served in an unusual capacity Saturday afternoon, September 29, as C-1 ward was converted into a wedding chapel to furnish setting for the nuptial vows of T/Sgt. Leonard Lance and Miss Kathleen Donnelly.

The ward was adorned with flower arrangements and the bed patients who shared in the occasion all received new gaily colored afghans for their part in the wedding. With the first mellow strains of the Lohengrin "Bridal March" the bride, Miss Donnelly, gowned in formal white satin, glided down the aisle between aligned hospital beds. Lt. Comdr. Neal Loomis, MC, USNR, ward medical officer of C-1, gave the bride away.

The bridegroom, looking out of the maze of ropes and pulleys which keep his leg in traction and facilitate the mending of a broken femur, and the bride standing beside him, were united in marriage by the Navy Chaplain, Lt. Comdr. Wendell Wheeler, who read the wedding vows.

The Marine patient escaped injury during enemy engagements at Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Midway, New Hebrides, Bougainville and Emeru, and then on his return to the states received injuries in an automobile accident. This temporarily interrupted the plans for the marriage which climaxed in one of the few weddings solemnized in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach.

The best man, John Don Carl, AR1c, bedside buddy of Lance, was admitted to the hospital after being the sole survivor of a blimp disaster, from which he dropped 300 feet. Carr handed the wedding ring to the bridegroom from his adjoining traction bed. Mrs. Carr served as matron of honor along with Mrs. Larry Law, wife of another hospital buddy.

The reception which followed included those attached to the ward and special guests. Capt. C. M. Shaar, Medical Officer in Command, presented a beautifully decorated cake to the bride and groom on behalf of the hospital. The Skipper assisted in cutting the cake and extended his respects, on behalf of the executive staff. George W. Beck, SC3c, representing members of the ward, presented a mahogany table and attractive lamp, their gift to the couple. Piano, vocal and organ selections added to the momentous occasion.

The preparations for the affair, adequate in every respect, were arranged by the American Red Cross under the supervision of Miss Anna Mahoney, ARC. Gerry Bowen, Mus2c, played wedding music, and later for the reception. Douglas M. Smith, AMM1c and E. Wagner, CY, assisted in arrangements.

30 Big Ships to Visit Coast On Navy Day

By Ship's Editorial Association

Thirty major combatant ships of the Pacific Fleet are scheduled to visit west coast ports on Navy Day, 27 October.

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., USN, on the USS South Dakota, will lead a force into San Francisco Bay consisting of the battleships Alabama, Wisconsin and Indiana, the carriers Yorktown and Bon Homme Richard and the cruiser Oakland.

Sailing for San Pedro are the battleships Texas and Nevada, the carriers Shangri-La and Hancock, the cruisers Baltimore, Los Angeles and Tucson.

Seattle will have the battleships Iowa, Colorado and Arkansas, the carrier Bunker Hill and the cruiser Duluth.

Portland, Oreg., will have the carrier Independence and the cruisers Topeka and Amsterdam. Tacoma, Wash., will have the battleship Maryland, the carrier Ticonderoga and the cruiser Atlanta.

Slated for San Diego are the West Virginia, the carrier Cowpens and the cruiser San Diego.

The carrier Hornet will be at Monterey, Calif., and the cruiser Vicksburg at Santa Cruz, Calif.

Gen. Marshall Reveals Secret Code Names

(SEA).—Secret code names used by the Combined Chiefs of Staffs to designate military operations have been revealed by General of the Army Marshall. "Olympic" was the name for the scheduled 1 November invasion of Kyushu and "Coronet" identified the invasion of Honshu, planned for next Spring.

Other names included "Overlord," the Normandy invasion; "Torch," the North African assault.

REPATRIATES TELL OF DARK DAYS AT OFUNA

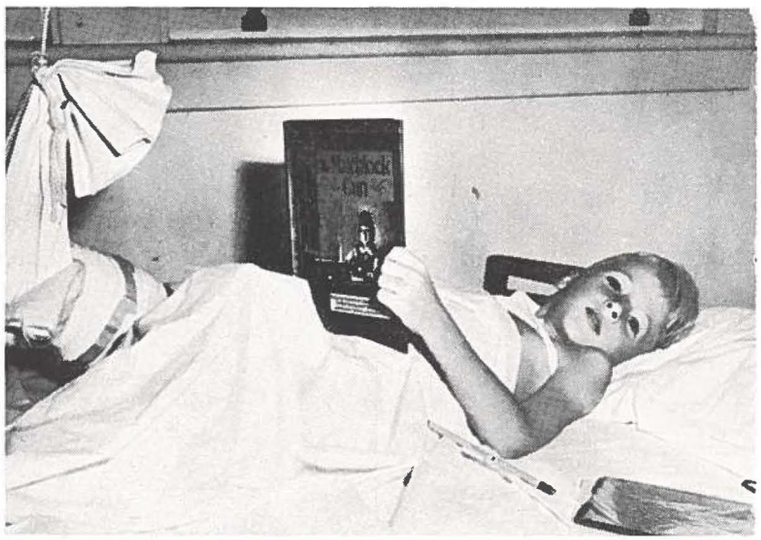
Two Navy Air Corps men who encouraged one another through months of internment by just a flicker of a smile, or a sympathetic warm expression about the eyes, are Lt. James M. Bouldin, and Lt. C. L. Prestien, patients on E-1. And why couldn't a vocal utterance, or a pat on the shoulder be mechanisms employed to inspire each other and their comrades in Ofuna prison in Japan? The Nipponese inflicted their oppression on the captured Americans and that included no talking even when the men ate shoulder to shoulder, no use of the English language, forcing them to learn Japanese phrases for minimum requests, and even being put in solitary confinement in an 8x10 enclosure for a period from one to eight months. The internees were given no medical attention, no recreational facilities, no soap, and meals comprised of 300 grams of barley and salt water soup with a smattering of potato peels.

Lt. Bouldin and Lt. Prestien fared a little better after the first months, because they were selected to cook and serve for the Japanese officers, which they did from 0400 to 2000 every day. Lt. Bouldin, who prepared the meat dishes and other nourishing foods on a crude furnace, found he was entitled to eat the same food, in the kitchen, but was never allowed an opportunity to smuggle any of it to his friends. For serving, Lt. Prestien inherited any scraps left over, provided he appealed for them. And from the day they were taken into the prison camp in the spring of the year, they were beaten at the slightest provocation such as manipulating chopsticks awkwardly during chow. For killing one hundred flies the oppressors allowed one, and only one, cigarette to the captive.

On 17 August, after many had died from malnutrition, and the majority were suffering from deficiency diseases, the Swiss legation brought the word that the war had ceased, and then the iron rule relaxed. Some attention was given to the suffering Americans—a Japanese doctor was brought in to administer to the sick and dying. Navy planes and B-29s brought food and clothing, which supplied an urgent need. Our men previously had been clothed in ragged Japanese gear and wooden shoes. On 1 September 1945, the internees were rescued by the army, and taken to Atsugi Field from where they were flown home.

Lt. Bouldin recalled the other time he had been at Atsugi Field. He was operating off Okinawa making fighter strikes over Kanoya Field at the southern tip of Kyushu when he was hit by 25mm antiaircraft fire. Japanese civilians turned him over to Kanoya Field where he was beaten with rifle butts and bamboo poles. (It was quite ironical that the two Japanese intelligence officers connected with this field were educated at UCLA in Los Angeles, having majored in social sciences and international relations.) During their interrogation, the Japanese threatened Bouldin with death, and denied him food. From there he was taken to Atsugi Field, proceeding to Ofuna.

The events leading to the captivity of Lt. Prestien were somewhat different. His four-engine bomber, a Privateer, used in patrolling, was shot down and crashed into the sea. Prestien was eventually taken to Ofuna prison to share the atrocities inflicted upon all Americans. Lt. Russell Stephens and Lt. Harold Eyer, repatriates now on Ward E-1 also, went through the same dark days at Ofuna.



This youngster of the children's ward is one of the many who gains pleasure from the newly stocked dependents' hospital library.

Library Popular Addition To Dependents' Hospital

Interspersed into a book order for Jet Propulsion, Civil Service Information, Stone's Immortal Wife and Metropolitan Book of Operas were such startling titles as **Peter Rabbit, Mother Goose, Ferdinand the Bull, Johnny Crow's Garden** and **ABC Bunny.** These and other children's books were purchased for the dependents' hospital. The ages of the 29 youngsters on the children's ward, and those who will be admitted in subsequent months, were carefully considered and the selections for them graded. Picture books please the babes just old enough to hold a book, a bit of nursery rhyme being added for the pre-school age. Adventure stories satisfy the ordinarily active school boy and fairy tales, and books applicable to school work please the girls. These beautifully illustrated books with gay colored coverings will fill hours for temporarily inactive children.

Mrs. Nancy Haynes, librarian for the station, has carefully selected best-written and popular novels which are at the disposal of the adult feminine readers in the dependents' hospital. Each ward has an individual library which is kept at the nurses' desk. Distribution figures indicate that Black Rose, Forever Amber, Green Dolphin Street, and White Tower are topping the reading list this month.

The opportunity for reading so seldom presents itself in the routine of everyday living, but when one is hospitalized there is sufficient time to enjoy the pastime, and the new books are conveniently at hand for all patients. The library, which was purchased by an especially donated Welfare fund, is not extensive, but well chosen.

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

A Vote of Thanks

To all who helped make our most recent party a real success! Lt. Comdr. Mildred A. E. Marean, Lt. Comdr. Laura M. Cobb, Lt. Goldia Merrill, Lt. Edwina Todd were honor guests (incidentally, they still haven't gotten over their feeling of delighted surprise at the handsome gifts they received that night from you all.) This party gave us all that longed for opportunity to relax and get acquainted. Lt. (jg) Janet Callaghan "outdid herself" as mistress of ceremonies. Who can forget her presentation of the "Orchid Heart?" The clever "Atomic Bomb" invitations were designed by Ensign Alice Giroux. This party gave us just a glimpse of the hidden talent within our midst.

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School Days

Are here again for Lt. (jg) Rose Yonkers who left recently to take a course in Dietetics at Georgetown University. Ensign Marie Blume is training as an Air Evacuation nurse at Alameda, California.

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"Point Counter Point"

The twelve lucky nurses (35 plus points, etc., etc.) who no doubt by now are busily engaged in trying on "that dream hat," afternoon dress, and other articles of apparel peculiar to civilians, are:

Lieutenants Ruth M. Butler, Loe Peeples, Inna V. Poole, Gwen Shone, Esther Chamberlain, and Cleo Howard; Lieutenants (jg) Valine Estes, Rebecca Batterson, Dorothy Gaymer, Mildred Mika, and Inez M. Carson, and Ens. Josephine Goettell. We are sure that you all enjoyed your cruise in The Navy and we wish you success and happiness in your new embarkations.

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To Bring Us Up-to-Date on New Arrivals in the Nurse Corps

Lt. Evelyn Groses reported from the USN Dispensary, USNAS, Lakehurst, N. J.; Lt. Anita M. Hardman and Lt. Helen M. George from USS Bountiful; Lt. Vivian E. Price from USNH, Aiea Heights; Lt. Cecelia Janc from USN Dispensary, Port Hueneme; Lt. Lucille Ruffer from USN Dispensary, Dayton, Ohio; Lt. (jg) Lois Ruffer from USS Solace; Lt. (jg) Mary V. Parker and Ensign Blanche George from USNH, Farragut; Lt. (jg) Irene Peloquin from USN Dispensary, Indian Head, Md.; Ensigns Dorothy King, Mary McMahon, Alice McKenna from USNH, Chelsea, Mass.

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Detached

Lt. Comdr. Laura M. Cobb to USNH, Treasure Island; Lt. Vinnie Giddens to USN Dispensary, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado; Lt. Vera M. Rambaugh to USN Dispensary, Long Beach; Lts. Anna M. McDowell and Martha R. Luby to USNH No. 204; Lt. (jg) Lorraine A. Murphy to USNH, Bethesda, Md.; Lt. Lena L. Palomba to USN Spec. Hosp., Springfield, Mass.; Ensigns Doris Oetting, Nelda Olmsted, Cora Hays, and Katherine Hacker to USN Spec. Hosp., Sun Valley, Idaho; Ensign Laura Waugh to USN Spec. Hosp., Arrowhead Springs, Calif.; Ensigns Gesine Franke and Bertha Beran to USN Spec. Hosp., Banning; Ensign Buelah F. Jones to USN Dispensary, Seattle, Wash.; Ens. Nellie G. Jones to USN Dispensary, Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash.

Lt. Edwina Todd calls cadence for this platoon of nurses. Every nurse, upon reporting aboard the station, goes through a period of drill, marching for an hour each week-day morning.

Milk for Your Saucer

NOW you can wash your hair right before a date, put it up and dry it in a couple of hours and it comes out sleek and shiny—just right for that MAN. This is not an ad for Wiggenstrops Winsome Wigs, or Crickbachs Cranial Covers (address upon request) but a reminder of those two HAIR DRIERS in the upper lounge. Thanks to **Benjamin Franklin, Thomas A. Edison, Mr. Rilling,** the designer, a-n-n-n-d **Captain Shaar.**

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Stick around, you 29 pointers and married gals—there's more coming.

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Cuddle Up a Little Closer—or—The More the Merrier . . . .

At last we have new furniture in the Rec. Room (Now all six of us don't have to sit on the same couch.) The only thing a group of people used to be able to do down there was with a pair of dice, if you know what I mean . . . but we developed HOUSEMAID'S KNEE so we gave it up!

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If I Had the Wings of An Angel . . .

Have you seen the new draperies in the lounges? You haven't? What's that? You've been discharged? Well, I'm not surprised, everyone is getting discharged or something. Besides, where can I go on 4 points?

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There's only one rub in those SATURDAY NIGHT FEEDS—you have to bring your own CAN-OPENER.

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The Bells Are Ringing for . . . .

Winifred Daszyinski of the Dental Lab, and **Billie Jenks** of the same place. . . . **Betty Ball** and **Lottie Lang** who doubled it at St. Matthews, Saturday, October 20. . . . **Vernetta Reams** and **Howard Kennedey,** now Mr. and Mrs., are both of this base. . . . **Sgt.** and **Mrs. Dryer (Carol Clum)** who will reside in Connecticut. . . . **Agnes Robeson,** now Mrs. Johnson. . . . **Hester Wise,** now Mrs. C. Flanders, and our best wishes. . . . **Ida Lollemanger,** married on her leave to Illinois, and who will be going home soon to "hubby" John Birch. . . . and Mrs. Pat Mahan **(Thirsa Franzen)** back with us after spending her honeymoon in Oregon.

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Auld Lang Syne . . . .

To **Ann Basinait** who has left for her home in New York, and **Mary Jane Donnelly** transferred to St. Albans Naval Hospital. **Beth Smith** left us two weeks ago to become a civilian along with her husband, a former soldier. **Barbara Spreckles, Jane Shirley,** and **Connie Wilburn** have departed for Port Hueneme.

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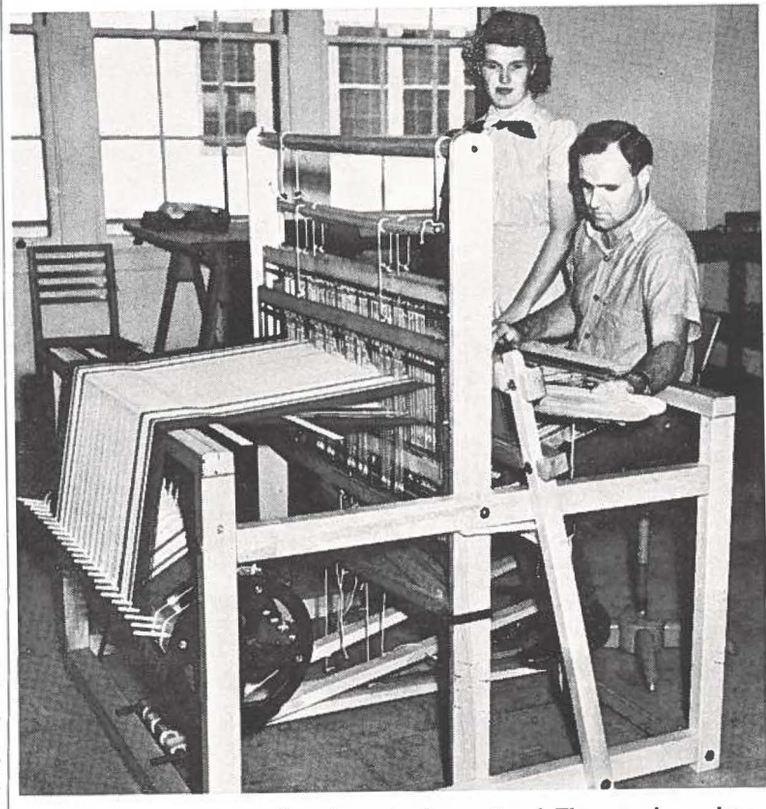
Football Games . . .

Every Saturday we have the pleasure of going to the football games of the leading California colleges in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Now that the season is in full swing we hope that we will be able to attend more and more games.



A patient weaves on floor loom in Occupational Therapy shop. Jean Parkis, PhM2c, instructs.

SYMPHONY OF COLOR PRODUCED IN WEAVING

As a patient sits down to manipulate the foot pedals of a floor loom it is almost as if he were poised at a piano to effect a melody—instead he produces a symphony of color on the strings of the warp.

The Occupational Therapy Department is now aided in the administration of diversional and functional therapy by the recent arrival of eight large floor looms, in addition to the five table looms. Weaving has been a popular craft at the shop from the day the first loom was strung.

The pattern, color, and size of the creation is determined by the patient's tastes, although to promote the best type of diversional therapy the instructor may guide him in the selection of a more subdued color and simplified pattern if he's nervous, emotional, or tends to feel confused. In the same subtle, wise manner the stress may be placed on warm tones of thread with intricate design to stimulate activity and thereby minimize indolence, pessimism or boredom.

In functional therapy the loom has been a gem in rehabilitating stiff and inhibited muscles, awakening lazy ones, and fostering coordination. The table loom, which is operated by hand levers, benefits the upper portion of the body, especially the muscles of the back, shoulders, upper and forearm, elbow, wrist and fingers. The floor loom serves in a double capacity. The beater which is drawn through the warp and forces the woof (or cross thread) into the pattern, brings the same muscles of the upper body into play that the levers do. Secondly, the muscles from the hips to the tips of the toes are exercised when operating the pedals of this floor loom.

Out of these efforts come a strengthened mind and body as well as a masterpiece of material bringing out the pride which accompanies one's own creations. As the patient weaves the woof into the warp, the interwoven schemes materialize in multicolor rugs, table sets, scarfs, ties and tapestries. (An added zest is apparent when the patient is weaving a muffler, quite suitable for civilian wear.)

Favorites from the catalog of patterns have been Snowball, Summer and Winter, Honeysuckle, Double Chariot Wheel, Queen's Delight, Whig Rose, and Wheel of Fortune. The first finished product to come off a floor loom in the weaving shop was a handsome 57x32 throw-rug in autumnal shades of rust, yellow, brown and biege, Double Chariot pattern, still on exhibit.

Lt. (jg) Bernice E. Smith, officer in charge of Occupational Terapy, who knows every twist in the weaving trade, along with her seven assistants, stands ready to share the wonders of the loom with any patient who would like to do a bit of "woofing."

Westwood or Bust . . .

(We Busted)

Last Wednesday night twenty Waves waited anxiously for transportation to the play "Candida" in Westwood and the bus finally came (half an hour late), which made the evening all the more adventurous. Well, right in the middle of the busiest section of Los Angeles, (they said Olympic Blvd., but you folks from L. A. know it's Main St.) the bus refused to move at the green light. Soooooo, the manager of a nearby theatre invited the girls to be his guests at the theater, and within an hour the hospital had sent another bus to the rescue. Did I say 'bus'? I don't mean that at all—for it was an immense truck! A crowd gathered to watch the corpsman lift each of the twenty Waves aboard. Even Mrs. Kingsley rode in back with them. (You never did tell us who was driving, Mrs. Kingsley!)

33 Waves Discharged as 115 Report for Duty

The latter part of October, 33 (15%) of the Waves were separated from the service by reason of marriage. These members of the Women's Reserve were discharged from active duty in accordance with the provisions set forth in circular letter No. 9-45 stating the eligibility of those married to veterans, servicemen, or civilians.

If the member of the Women's Reserve is married to a veteran of World War II, a former member of the Merchant Marine who is disabled, or a serviceman of World War II who has been medically surveyed for limited duty or who is hospitalized awaiting survey to limited duty or separation from the service, she may be discharged upon written request, without respect to date of marriage, length of service, number of points, military necessity or the type of billet in which she is serving.

In the case of an enlisted woman whose husband has been separated from the service or Merchant Marine for reasons of disability or who is awaiting survey to limited duty or separation due to disability, the woman's discharge will be for **Dependency.** In the case of an enlisted woman married to a veteran of World War II who is not disabled, the discharge will be for the **Convenience of the Government.**

Upon written request, a member of the Women's Reserve who has been on active duty for one year and who is married to a serviceman or to a civilian will be separated from the service regardless of the date of marriage. Such separation will be effected immediately unless the individual is in a billet of military necessity. In the case of an enlisted woman the discharge shall be for the **Convenience of the Government.**

All Waves who have been discharged or who become eligible under these provisions return to the separation center in the area where they reported for active duty into the Navy.

New Contingents Aboard

The two contingents of Waves arriving on the station—approximately 70 in the group reporting the middle of October and about 50 the latter part of the month—have filled the vacancies on wards and in offices left by the discharge of Waves and high-point corpsmen, and transfers to base hospitals overseas.

The group of approximately 115 Waves came directly from Great Lakes where eight weeks of corps school was conducted. This class, the second to be conducted at the Illinois training center, was given an extensive course in hospital training. Earlier in the war the corps schools' accelerated programs required only three weeks.

Likewise, this regiment of Waves spent eight weeks in boot camp at the Women's Training Center, Hunter College, New York, while the original course was designed to include only three weeks of drilling, military organization, plane and ship identification, current events and health lectures.

Parasite — A fellow who goes through a revolving door without pushing.

School bells rang out on Ward W-5 calling the "kids" back to class the fourth week in September.

A Red Cross Recreation worker, in an old fashioned school marm costume, called the class to order and opening exercises got under way with roll call and a favorite selection, "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountains."

The boys looked very fetching in white peter-pan collars and large orange crepe paper bows. Allen was made to sit on the dunce stool many times during the day for his naughty pranks.

"Ferdinand the Bull" was chosen for the readin' lesson. Dick played the part of the bull while Dudley read the story. Dick proved himself a real actor in portraying this part. He smelled the flowers and smelled the flowers and . . . smelled the flowers.

You can well imagine that hilarity ran rampant when the boys responded in the language class with favorite riddles and jokes. No more said!!!

With a flourish of long swirling skirts and an eye glass, another Red Cross recreation worker made her grand entrance into the class room. Everyone burst into song and rafters rang with "Home on the Range", "Strawberry Blonde", and "You Are My Sunshine". An old fashioned spell down and a drawing class finished the school day with prizes for the best drawings going to Evans and Case.

Suckers were passed and school was dismissed.

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Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah! Guess what? Yah, a place where you may settle down and relax while making your Christmas gifts and anything else you would like to do when it comes to craft work. Uh huh, Red Cross Recreation has a whole room just for crafts. You'll find it in the North part of the N wards . . . we're good neighbors to the Occupational Therapy Department.

C'mon boys—the room is brand new and we want you to spend your idle hours with us. You'll be amazed at the things you can do. You can try a hand at clay, leather, woodwork, paints and—oh well, we could go on and on.

Maybe some of you remember those clever ladies in green smocks that used to visit you in the wards to bring such good ideas. Now you'll find them in the shop. They'll gladly help you—and the result? Well, you'll find those hidden talents, I betcha.

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Trite as it may sound—the war is over. Many of you fellows can now really look forward to going home, either through the point system or by a medical discharge. If you think the point system is your way of getting home, let us give you the latest information. If you are about to change to civilian garb by virtue of a medical survey, we would like to see you.

Perhaps many of you patients wonder why you are referred to the Red Cross after your recommendation for discharge has been approved. There are many reasons: Our Red Cross staff is here to be of service with various problems that may arise in relation to being discharged. Our workers assist you in filling out your Veterans Administration pension claim form correctly and completely. They will give you information on where and how you may receive medical care after discharge and also tell you what service organizations can assist you when you return home.

Other questions may arise about returning home. Civilian life will be a strange experience after many years in the service—a matter which the Red Cross workers will be glad to discuss with you. Our staff is here to help you and can draw on many resources to assist in solving your problems. The local Red Cross Chapters are eager to assist in any way, too, when you return home.

Our recreation department has a new staff member. She is Mrs. Margaret L. Chappell, formerly Head Recreation Worker at U. S. Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. After graduating from the University of Tennessee, she did recreation work for the University of Missouri and Southern California Forestry Commission.

TWELVE STAFF OFFICERS RETURN TO CIVIL LIFE

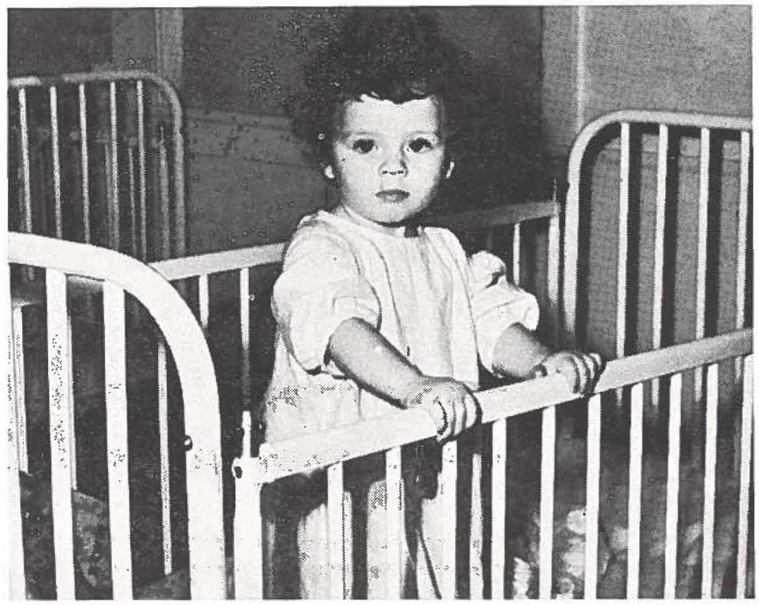
The hospital realizes the loss of twelve officer who filed away their Navy gear, and terminated hospital duties on November 1.

The popular Chief of Medicine, Capt. W. M. Simpson, MC, USNR returned to his clinical, pathological and research work in Dayton, Ohio. Capt. C. E. Harner, MC, USNR, resumed his practice at Long Beach, while Comdr. R. E. Reagan, MC, USNR, will again practice in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Comdr. F. H. Falconer, MC, USNR, returned to an anesthesia practice in Los Angeles, Comdr. F. H. Krock, MC, USNR, took up his practice again in Arkansas and Lt. Comdr. B. W. Cohen, MC, USNR, in Indiana.

Three medical officers to resume their surgical practices are Lt. Comdr. S. C. Knox, MC, USNR, of Los Angeles; Comdr. T. B. Garlick, MC, USNR, of Rochester, New York, and Lt. Comdr. N. M. Loomis, MC, USNR of Yuba City, California.

Lt. R. N. Cole D(L), formerly of the Physical Training department of this hospital, is now employed by the Los Angeles school system.

Ch. Pharm. R. Ferguson, HC, USNR, returned to his civilian status in Texas. and Ch. Pharm. W. J. Chaffin, HC, USNR, returned to Corona.



Due to repeated requests for a "pin-up girl" we caught the photogenic Diane Firetag in a soulful mood. Little 19-month-old Diane, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Wm. Firetag, USNR, has been a patient on the children's ward in the dependents' hospital.

Rate Advancements

The following Waves and corpsmen were advanced in rate following the successful outcome of their qualifying examinations:

To **PhM1c** (T)—Searles, P. A.; Renning, W. F.

To **PhM2c** (T)—Pauling, M. V.

Advanced to **PhM3c** (T)—Rew, D. J.; Carpenter, H. E.; Wittler, L. F.; Adrian, F. O.; Romanosky, A. J.; Pronsolino, G. G.; Plant, R. W.; Swets, J.; Ohl, W. A.; Wood, R. H.

Advanced to **HA1c**—Elmond, R. D.; Wesley, D. T.; Jameson, D. L.; Young, R. E.; Ziesmer, D. B.; Fairley, W. L.; Spofford, R. O.; Hodges, R. L.; Stoddard, G. E.; Christy, K. B.; Ward, M. S.; Fuson, M.; Garner, J. R.; Smiley, E. L.; Spangle, B. H.

240 Ships Included In 'Magic Carpet' Operation

(SEA).—The Navy's "Magic" Carpet" operation will use some 40 CVE's and 200 APA's by the first of next year in bringing men home from the Pacific. These are in addition to 166 transports already in use.

Starting points for the huge transport operation are Japan, the Philippines, Marianas and Hawaii, Terminal ports in the U. S. are San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles and San Diego. The "timetable" method will enable West Coast receiving stations and railroads to anticipate loads in advance and avoid bottlenecks in routing returnees to separation centers.

The average round trip counting yard repairs and delays will be two months.

Estimates are for 109,000 servicemen to leave forward areas in October and 75,000 to disembark in the U. S. In November 172,000 are scheduled to depart and 141,000 to arrive. December figures are 187,000 departures, 180,000 arrivals, and in January 187,000 will debark and arrive. Meanwhile thousands more, including more than 10,000 men en route to the East Coast, are traveling on combatant ships being redeployed.

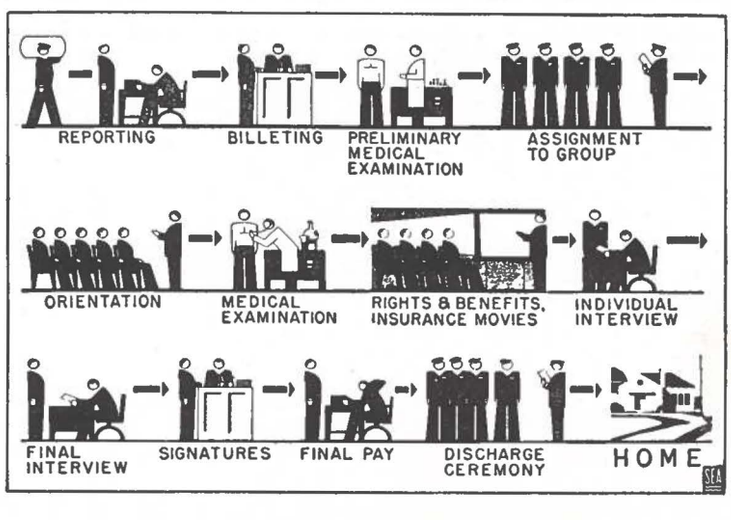
VETS' BUREAU NEEDS

(SEA).—More than 120,000 employees will be needed in the Veterans' Administration by 1947 to supervise the administration of benefits and help streamline the organization for greater speed in handling affairs of ex-servicemen. Most of these employees will be veterans themselves specially trained for the job.

NO MORE "WAR" BONDS

Washington (CNS) — The word "war" will be off new printings of Series E bonds and will be known as "United States Savings Bonds." The new bonds probably won't hit the market until after the Victory Loan Drive, Oct. 29 to Dec. 8, because so many of the bonds with "war" on them are on hand.

PROCESSING AT DISTRIBUTION CENTERS



Sport Light

BASKETBALL IN SWING

As the basketball season rolls around the corner again, the cheers and glory are still falling to the Naval Hospital for winning the Industrial League Championship last fall! The victors knew 21 victories and only one defeat during the entire season last year, and that record accounts for the abundance of enthusiasm and "sure-fire" evident now.

Three stars returning to the Varsity team this year are Walt Kowalski, all-American AAU, who is a streak of lightning on any ball court, in the position of guard; Lt. Dan O. Henry, a former Illinois star, filling the spot at center again this year, and Big Red Kearns, who'll hold down one of the forward positions. Add to this names who have appeared on high school and college teams, such as Wittler, Jensen, Wolfe, Sweets, and Murphy, and you have a powerful team!

Three practice games brought about the teamwork which came into the limelight in the opening. game. The third practice with the Navy Drydocks team ended in the Varsity's win of 31 to 29. Kearns and Wittler were high individual scorers with ten points apiece. At the half our boys were ahead by a slim margin of 16 to 14. In the final stages of the game, the Drydocks team passed us by two points. Time was running short, but with good coordination and two quick opening plays under the basket, "lay up" shots put the game "on ice" for us!

Due to a wealth of material the Naval Hospital has organized a second basketball squad this year in addition to the one team that represented us last year. This group calls itself the "Reds," and consists of some of the players from last year's Varsity, along with men who have recently come aboard. The old men forming the nucleus of the team are Blake, Turner and Winkler. Supporting them, and showing great promise, are McKay, Walos, Stites, Byrnes, Miller and O'Quita.

Grand Opening

Tuesday, 16 October, the Varsity played Roosevelt Base at the YMCA in the first game of the Industrial League. The array of talent went out onto the floor and made baskets at will. Even with the temporary loss of Kowalski, the Varsity's star guard laid up in sick bay, the quintet was able to defeat Roosevelt Base by the score of 59 to 16.

The same evening the hospital Reds engaged the Diamond Cabs of Long Beach in the top game of the B division. The game had the earmarks of being a very tight contest at the end of the first quarter, but as the Reds caught onto the technique employed by their teammates they pulled away from their opponent and ended up 43-9!

Handball Innovation!

For the first time in the history of the station, the Naval Hospital entered four handball teams in the Naval Operating Base invitational doubles handball tournament which began play on 25 October at NOB The hospital entered such veterans as Lt. M. A. Bugbee, Don Huff and Holloway among others.

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Intramural Badminton Tournament

The intramural badminton tournament gets underway on Monday, 29 October, as staff corpsmen go into action. With the large turnout of corpsmen and the enthusiasm displayer by Waves, nurses and doctors, this promises to be one of the best tournaments the hospital has ever known!

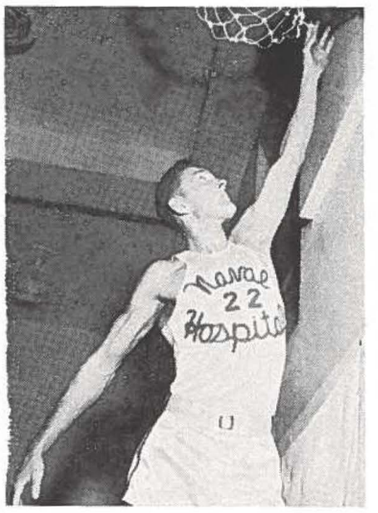
Corpsman Harold Knickerbocker, PhM3c, and Wave Gladys Juckett, PhM3c, are two of the many staff members who check out golf sets from the Welfare & Recreation Dpartment.

ALL-AMERICAN ASSET TO HOSPITAL TEAMS

It isn't every day that an all-American, by title and spirit, comes to the compound. But Chief Walt Kowalski is here, and might be found divulging his own successful technique for sinking basketballs over the rim, to the patients out on the athletic field. It's that technique we speak of that won for Kowalski selection to several All-American teams in 1940, the all-time basketball team for Navy, a place on the AAU last year, plus the right to play on the 20th Century-Fox basketball team.

Chief Kowalski, supervisor of the athletic area for patients, began his career at the age of 15, when he won the Golden Gloves bantam division for boxing. For this achievement he was presented a golden glove with a diamond superimposed in the palm, and of tantamont importance, the tour of barnstorming by potential stars, which took him through the northwestern states.

After a colorful athletic career in a Minneapolis high school, Kowalski was awarded a scholarship to Northwestern. In 1937 he was the light player in the Big Ten, weighing 133 pounds, which in no way altered his indispensability to the gridiron team coached by Lynn Waldorf and Bert Ingwursen. Christmas vacation of 1938 found Northwestern's basketball team, and Kowalski, exhibiting their coordination and power at Madison Square Garden, Independence Hall at Temple University, Philadelphia, and other pretentious spots on the east coast.



Walt Kowalski, ChSp (A)

Had Kowalski excelled only in competitive sports he would have missed the one hour in which he was responsible for the survival of two young Chicagoans. Life-guarding during summer vacation, Kowalski saw the tempestuous waves of Lake Michigan envelop a canoe and place two men in a precarious position. Kowalski swam the mile and a half to the floundering individuals and managed to keep all of them up until a whale boat from the life guard station came to the rescue.

Since reporting to the LBNH Chief Kowalski has strengthened the softball team, pitching for the officers' team which just wound up its season. He is proving a spark-plug on the basketball team which is now in the midst of its league schedule. During the 3½ years this athletic chief has served in the Navy he has shared the rules of the game on All-Americanism with the sailors and Marines under his physical training program, and has been an asset to station athletic teams.

"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

Naval Hosp. 63; Coast Guards 20.
Hosp. Reds 29; Frontier Base 42.

"I'm taking up the game of golf
I use my mashie with such force,
I heard a catty person say
I'm also taking up the course."

BOWLING CHAMPIONS

Capt. C. M. Shaar, MOIC, presents a trophy to representatives of the champion Waves bowling team. Left to right: Lt. (jg) E. Walters, officer in charge of women's recreation; P. Ebaugh, PhM3c; F. Coble, PhM2c; D. Aanestad, PhM3c; M. Allen, PhM2c; and B. Moore, PhM3c, Manager.

Navy Release Rate Ahead of Schedule

(SEA).—The Navy exceeded its planned release rate by 29,012 enlisted personnel and 10,018 officers as of 9 October. The schedule from 17 August to 9 October called for the discharge of 180,894 enlisted personnel and 15,907 officers.

During this period the Navy released 203,445 enlisted men, 6,461 enlisted Waves, 25,032 male officers and 893 Wave officers.

The Navy averaged 8,812 enlisted men and 973 officers a day for the first nine days of October with 169,542 enlisted men and 15,886 officers scheduled for release during the entire month.

HIT 'EM AGAIN!

When nothing seems to help I go and look at a stone-cutter hammering away at his rock perhaps 100 times without so much as a rrack showing in it. Yet at the 101st blow it will split in two, and I know that it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before.—Jacok A. Riis.

HUMERUS

by RIGOR MORTIS JR.

Captain (on sinking excursion boat): Does anyone know how to pray?

Passenger: I do.

Captain: Well, you pray, and the rest of us will put on the life belts. We're one shy.

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The PhM who arranges special watches: "I suppose you wish I were dead so you could spit on my grave."

Wave: "Nope, not me. I don't want to wait in line."

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Drunk: Waiter, bring me some oysters.

Waiter: Stewed, sir?

Drunk: None of your business.

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Sweet Young Thing: Does the moon influence the tide?

Sailor: I don't know about the tide, honey, but it sure influences the untied.

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Bang! Bang! "Halt, who went there?"

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A tough MA strode into a barracks. "All right, you lazy apes, fall out!" he yelled.

The boys made their grabs and swarmed outside—all but one who continued to lie on his bunk and blow smoke rings.

"Well?" growned the MA.

"Well," the HA2c remarked, "there sure were a lot of them, weren't there?"

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Wave: If I'm the first girl you ever kissed, how is it that you kiss so well?

Sailor: If I'm the first man who ever kissed you, how do you know that I kiss so well?

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Leaves: A combination of borrowed time and borrowed dough.

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Small Boy: "Shine your shoes, Mister?"

Sailor, returning from liberty: "No."

Small Boy: "Shine your shoes so you can see your face in them?"

Sailor: "No."

Smal Boy: "Coward."

Reprinted from Hospital Hi-Lites, Aiea Heights, T. H. Bob Woodcock, Cartoonist.

Professor: I will not begin the lecture until the room settles down.

Voice from rear: Go home and sleep it off, old man.

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MAA: A source of information who is glad to give all the details.

Alimony: The high cost of leaving.

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A Pharmacist's Mate was getting ready to fingerprint a recruit.

"Wash your hands," he ordered the boot.

"Both of them?" asked the novice.

The Pharmacist's Mate thought the question over for a moment. "No," he said, "just one. I want to see how you do it."

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Toast to a Drunkard

Starkle Starkle, little twink,
Who the heck you are, I think.
I'm not under alcluence of Inkohol
Though some thinkle peep I am.
I fool so feelish I don't know who's me yet,
The drunker I sit here the longer I get.

Seek to Liberalize GI Bill of Rights

SEA).—The Veterans Administration in a move to liberalize the GI Bill of Rights has urged Congress to give veterans a maximum of four years of free education, regardless of their age, instead of limiting this as at present to those who were under 25 at the time of enlistment.

Other recommendations were to permit veterans to take short, intensive, high-cost courses, to approve correspondence schools and to reimburse state colleges and institutions for extra expenses involved in enrolling discharged servicemen. The Veterans Administration also urged specific provision in the GI Bill to authorize veterans to study in approved foreign institutions.

Aim above mortality. Be not simply good; be good for something.—Thoreau.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

New staff oficers who have reported aboard within the past month are: Ens. Clara B. Haley H (W), USNR from NTS Washington, D. C.; Lt. C. E. Magill (S), USNR-USNH, San Leandro; Ens. Jean Y. Vezina (H) (W), USNR-NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; Lt. (jg) M. F. Perll, MC (S) USNR for active duty; Lt. (jg) A. K. Lewis, MC USNR, Los Angeles, General Hospital; Lt. (jg) A. O. Stewart, MC, USNR, Corona Naval Hospital; Pharm. A. B. Vezina, HC, USNR, Navy School of Hospital Administration, Bethesda, Md.; Ens. C. E. Connell, HC, USN, Com 11; Ens. Helen K. Moore, H (W), USNR, Great Lakes; Lt. C. R. Oliphant, MC, USN, via overseas; Lt. L. W. Furst, DC, USNR, for active duty; Lt. E. J. Humphrey, Jr., MC, USNR, USNH, Treasure Island; Lt. J. G. Staub, Jr. (MC) USNR, Nav. Recruit Station, Louisiana; Lt. (jg) Nate Chalmers, MC, USNR, Navy V-12, University of Illinois; Lt. (jg) J. B. Aplington, MC, USNR, Navy V-12, University of Illinois; Lt. Comdr. R. W. Johnson, MC, USNR—patient status; Lt. Comdr. W. C. Wheeler, ChC USNR, from NOB; Pharm. R. W. Jones, HC, USNR, overseas, via Com 11.

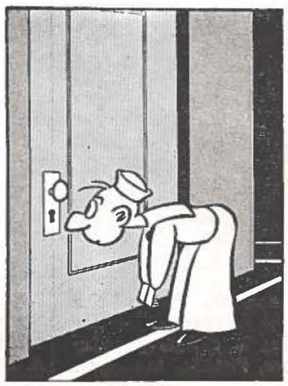
Following are the officers detached from the station: Lt. Comdr. P. Beddoe, MC, USNR, to NH, Aiea, T. H.; Lt. (jg) W. Mormelszadt, MC, USNR, to USS New Jersey; Ch. Pharm. G. Stone, HC, USNR, to patient status; Ch. Pharm. R. E. Ebert, USN, to Naval School, Bethesda, Md.; Lt. (jg) D. W. Pranke, MC, USNR, to Com 12; Pharm. F. C. Szehner, USN, to NNMC, Bethesda, Md.; Lt. (jg) E. D. Grady, MC, USNR, to Com 12; Lt. Comdr. R. W. Johnson, MC, USNR, to Separation Center for duty; Lt. J. W. Kelly, MC, USNR, to patient status; Lt. Comdr. J. G. Staub, USNH, Corona; Lt. (jg) P. G. Wolf, MC, UCNR, to West Coast School, San Diego; Lt. (jg) W. C. Pollos, MC, USNR, to Com 12; Lt. W. F. Nolan D(L), USNR, to USNH, Treasure Island.

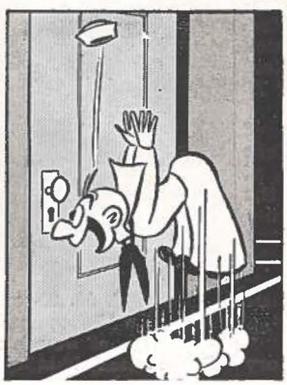
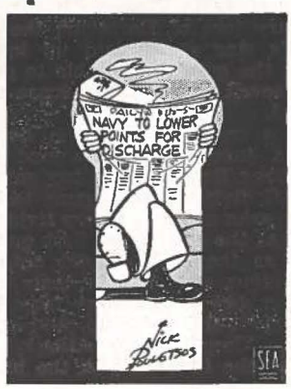
Transfer to the Regular Nurse Corps

Washington, D. C. (HCQNS)—Present members of the Naval Reserve of the Nurse Corps who began their present tour of active duty before their thirty-eighth (38th) birthday may apply for transfer to the Regular Nurses Corps, according to a recent Navy Department announcement. This hikes the age limitation from the previous high figure of twenty-eight years.

STALEMATE

By Nick Pouletsos Sp(X)1c

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